

Minutes of the Forestry SIG Annual Meeting

Saskatoon, SK, Canada

May 27th, 2019

1) Welcome and Meeting Objectives

Tassedda Boukherroub, president of the Forestry Special Interest Group (FSIG), opens the meeting by welcoming the attendants. Tassedda provides an overview of the meeting agenda and asks if there are any additions. Acceptance of the agenda is moved by Mikael Rönnqvist and seconded by David Martell.

2) Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Tassedda opens the floor for comments or questions related to the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting that were posted on the FSIG website, and sent to all active members by email prior to the meeting. There are no comments or questions. Approval of the minutes is moved by Tassedda and seconded by Gregory Paradis.

3) Review of FSIG Activities and Initiatives

Tassedda reviews the FSIG activities from June 2017 to May 2019.

OR in Forestry Cluster at CORS 2018

Two FSIG members chaired the OR in Forestry Cluster: Mikael Rönnqvist and Tassedda Boukherroub. In total, the program included 17 presentations, three regular sessions and two special sessions. The first one included two presentations: “The challenges in managing private wood lots in New Brunswickthe” (Jules Comeau) and “The hierarchical transportation game a serious game as an educational tool” (Mikael Rönnqvist). The second special session was the David Martel Student Paper Prize in Forestry (DMSPPF). The three finalists of the 2018 DMSPPF were Foroogh Abasian, Maha Ben Ali, and Krishna Malladi.

OR in Forestry Cluster at CORS 2019

Two FSIG members chaired the OR in Forestry Cluster: Mikael Rönnqvist and Tassedda Boukherroub. In total, the program included two regular sessions and 8 presentations. The DMSPPF was cancelled, few papers have been received.

2) FSIG president election for the period 2019-2021

Gerogory Paradis reviews the steps followed for electing a new FSIG president, and noted that no specific procedure in the Bylaw article 3.c is mentioned in case of one candidate nomination. Gregory proposes to follow the CORS bylaw 5.f. “ If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of available positions on Council, the candidates will be declared elected by acclamation”.

The election committee was composed of Jules Comeau and Gregory Paradis. They received one self-nomination from Maha Ben Ali, and announced that she was elected as the new FSIG president by acclamation.

4) FSIG communications

Tassedda mentioned that 2018/2019 Communications included the publication of the Minutes of 2018 FSIG annual meeting, announcements related to DMSPPF (call for papers), announcements related to OR Forestry Cluster (call for abstracts), informations distributed via e-mails, CORS Bulletin, CORS FSIG Website, FSIG LinkedIn and Basecamp.

Tassedra presents the list of current FSIG members (58), and reminds the attendants about the procedures for renewing FSIG membership: (1) renewing CORS membership and checking the FSIG checkbox in the membership renewal form, or (2) contacting the FSIG president and requesting membership.

7) INFOR Special Issue

Gregory proposes to ask co-editors-in-chief of INFOR about the possibility of publishing an FSIG-led forestry themed special issue. All attendants approve this suggestion.

12) Meeting Close

13) List of attendants

- David Martell
- Mikael Rönnqvist
- Sattar Ezzati
- Gregory Paradis
- Tassedra Boukherroub